

### REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed March 23, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 18-26 and 28-30 are pending in the application. Claims 18, 29 and 30 have been amended. Claim 27 have been canceled. Claims 1-17 were previously canceled.

In paragraph 4 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 18, 19, 22-26, 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over White (U.S. Patent No. 3,560,694).

In paragraph 7 on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over White as applied to claim 18, and further in view of Kasevich.

In paragraph 9 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over White as applied to claim 18, and further in view of Scalese et al.

In paragraph 11 on page 4 of the Office Action, claim 27 was objected to.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended claim 18 to include the limitation recited in objected to claim 27. Similar amendments have been made to independent claims 29 and 30. In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully assert that the §§ 102(b) and 103(a) rejections are moot.

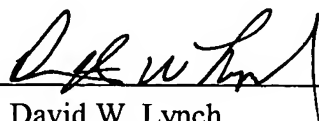
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On the basis of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicants, David W. Lynch, at 651-686-6633 Ext. 116.

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